



## Tempe Rebate Terms and Conditions

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### Rebate Universal Terms and Conditions

- a. Applicant must be the owner of the home OR have the permission of the owner to implement the specific conversion or efficiency upgrade AND to apply for and receive rebate funds.
- b. All rebates are subject to availability of funds and policy requirements are subject to changes and updates.
- c. The installation address MUST be within the City of Tempe Water Service area.
- d. New construction does not qualify.
- e. Rebate recipients receiving \$600 or more in rebate monies within a calendar year must submit a completed W-9 form.
- f. Post-inspection of the property may be required to verify installation or conversion.



## Residential Rebate Terms and Conditions

1. **Single-Family Residential Landscape Conversion Rebate (also known as Turf Replacement)**
  - a. Purpose of rebate: The Landscape Conversion Rebate provides an incentive for the conversion of grass to desert landscaping, reducing the water demand of the landscape while still providing the benefits of living plants.
  - b. Applicant must receive pre-approval from conservation staff prior to starting their conversion project. To receive pre-approval, complete the online rebate application form OR call (480) 350-8351.
  - c. To receive pre-approval to proceed, the application must include before pictures showing each of the areas where grass will be removed.
  - d. Once pre-approval is received, applicants will have three months to complete the conversion and submit pictures of the newly converted landscapes.
  - e. Any photos submitted are the property of the city and may be shared in city promotional material.
  - f. The converted landscape area must have 30% coverage with living, desert-adapted plants, either new or existing. The expected mature size of plants can count towards this coverage. Bare soil will not be approved. Existing landscape plants that are not desert-adapted may be used to calculate the 30% mature plant coverage.
  - g. Water Conservation Staff will measure the landscape on the Maricopa County Assessor's Office website and use that measurement to determine the rebate amount.
  - h. If you purchased desert plants for the new landscape, be sure to submit the Desert Lush TreeBate form within 5 business days of submitting the landscape conversion rebate.
  - i. Approved applications will provide a rebate of \$.25 per square foot of grass removed and replaced with desert landscaping, capped at \$2,000 per residential property.
2. **TreeBate**
  - a. Purpose of rebate: The TreeBate provides an incentive for adding desert-adapted plants to the Single-Family Residential landscape.
  - b. Any plant (not exclusive to trees) listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources Low Water Use Drought Tolerant Plant List or the Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert qualifies for the rebate. Physical copies of these lists are available upon request. Contact Conservation at (480)350-8351 to request one.
  - c. Plants approved under this rebate must be installed in the ground.
  - d. Applications must include a copy of the itemized receipt showing the plants purchased, along with before and after pictures of the landscape where the plants are installed.
  - e. Applicants must complete the self-paced, online Tree Care Class online. Applicants may alternatively choose to attend a workshop from the sustainable living workshop series in-person or virtually.
  - f. The application deadline is NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS after the workshop completion date.



- g. City staff may share before and after pictures, as well as take additional pictures of the landscape, to use in city promotional materials.
- h. Approved rebates will receive 100% (up to \$75 per household per fiscal year July 1 - June 30) for the purchase price of desert-adapted plants. The fiscal year capped is increased to \$125 for residents that submit a turf replacement (also known as the "landscape conversion") rebate at the same time. To qualify for the higher cap, please submit the landscape conversion rebate form within five business days of submitting the Treebate.

### 3. Single-Family Residential High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate

- a. Purpose of rebate: This rebate provides an incentive for upgrading old toilets to high-efficiency models that are rated for high-performance and low flush volumes that save water with every flush.
- b. Single-family residential properties qualify. If you own a condominium or townhome that is privately maintained, you may also qualify. For multi-family residential properties that are not maintained by the tenant, please refer the property management company to apply for the Multi-Family Residential Indoor Fixtures Rebate.
- c. Rebate covers 50% of the purchase price (up to \$75) of each high-efficiency toilet installed in the home (up to 2 toilets).
- d. Only two (2) toilets per house are applicable for the rebate. If you are new to the house or unsure of your eligibility, please contact Water Conservation by calling (480) 350-8351 or by email [conservation@tempe.gov](mailto:conservation@tempe.gov) prior to submitting the rebate form to determine if your home qualifies.
- e. Application deadline is no later than 3 months after the toilet installation is completed and must include a picture of the newly installed toilet
- f. Application must include a receipt or copy of a receipt as proof of purchase or rebate will not be accepted.
- g. Toilet purchased and installed must be an EPA WaterSense labeled toilet that flushes 1.28 gallons per flush (GPF) or less. Dual flush toilets are also covered under this rebate.

### 4. Single-Family Residential High-Efficiency Irrigation Rebate

- a. Purpose of rebate: This rebate provides an incentive for residents who participate in the water consultation program and then choose to upgrade existing irrigation components to high-efficiency or "smart" models.
- b. Only homes with established lawns qualify for the sprinkler system upgrade portion of the rebate. New lawn installations do not qualify.
- c. A pre-consultation prior to purchase and installation of new components is required.
- d. A post-consultation, to verify installation of all applicable components, is required after project completion.
- e. The rebate covers 100% (up to \$500) of the purchase price for high-efficiency components, such as a smart controller (capped at \$250) and other applicable components (flow sensors, rain sensors, pressure regulating spray heads and high efficiency nozzles). This rebate does NOT cover the cost of labor.



- f. When replacing standard nozzles with high efficiency rotary nozzles, standard heads must also be replaced with heads with pressure regulating stems (PRS), as part of the rebate.
- g. Applications must include a copy of the itemized receipt showing the high efficiency components purchased.
- h. Upgrading irrigation components and the controller may not by itself lead to healthier plants or water savings. These are best practices among many that lead to a healthy and efficient landscape. Components themselves must be properly installed, utilized and maintained in order to be assets that can be used to improve watering efficiency and contribute to the health of the landscape.
- i. The City recommends that the installation of irrigation components be performed by a qualified irrigation technician. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure proper installation and utilization of the components.

#### 5. Single-Family Residential Gray Water Rebate

- a. Purpose of rebate: This rebate provides an incentive for installing a gray water system.
- b. Only single-family residential properties qualify.
- c. System must be in compliance with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality General Permit Best Management Practices for gray water.
- d. Rebate covers 50% of the purchase price (up to \$200) for the cost of components. The rebate does NOT cover the cost of labor.
- e. Application deadline is within 90 days of the gray water system installation.
- f. Application must include receipts or copy of receipts as proof of purchase.
- g. Applications must include at least one picture of the finished installation.

#### 6. Multi-Family Turf Replacement Rebate

- a. Purpose of rebate: The Turf Replacement provides an incentive for the conversion of grass to desert landscaping, reducing the water demand of the landscape while still providing the benefits of living plants.
- b. Only multi-family residential properties qualify for this rebate. Tenants who wish to participate should contact their property owner/manager.
- c. Applicant must receive pre-approval from conservation staff prior to starting their conversion project. To receive pre-approval, complete the online rebate application form OR call (480) 350-8351.
- d. To receive pre-approval to proceed, the application must include before pictures showing each of the areas where grass will be removed and replaced with desert landscape.
- e. Once pre-approval is received, applicants will have three months to complete the conversion and submit pictures of the newly converted landscapes.
- f. Any photos submitted are the property of the city and may be shared in city promotional material.
- g. The converted landscape must meet landscape code requirements, including meeting minimum requirements for mature plant coverage and soil coverage. For details on the



specific requirements that apply, please call 480-350-8341 and select Option 1 to reach Planning and Zoning.

- h. Water Conservation Staff will measure the landscape on the Maricopa County Assessor's Office website and use that measurement to determine the rebate amount.
- i. Approved applications receive \$.25 cents per square foot of grass removed up to \$3,000 or \$1 per lineal foot up to \$500.00 to remove strips of grass between the curb and the sidewalk.

## 7. Multi-Family Indoor Fixtures Rebate

- a. Purpose of rebate: This rebate provides Multi-Family Residential properties with the opportunity to upgrade a variety of indoor fixtures to high-efficiency models.
- b. Only multi-family residential properties qualify for this rebate. Tenants who wish to participate should contact their property owner/manager.
- c. The total rebate amount is not to exceed \$5,000 per property, per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).
- d. Approved applications will receive:
  - i. Standard tank toilet with 1.1gpf max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$100 per toilet.
  - ii. Commercial flushometer-valve toilet with 1.28gpf max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$100 per toilet.
  - iii. Urinal with 0.25gpf max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$150 per urinal.
  - iv. Commercial high-efficiency clothes washer: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$500 per unit. The washer must have an integrated water factor of 4.2 or below. For a list of approved washers, please visit [www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-commercial-clothes-washers](http://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-commercial-clothes-washers)
  - v. Faucet aerator with 0.5gpm max: 100% of the purchase price, up to \$5 per device. A minimum of five faucet aerator devices must be replaced to qualify for the rebate. If installing in a public area, a vandal-proof aerator is highly recommended.
  - vi. Showerhead with 1.8gpm max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$25 per device.
- e. All fixtures must be WaterSense labeled. When replacing flush valves in either toilets or urinals, the china must also be changed.
- f. Application deadline is no later than three months after the toilet installation is completed.
- g. Application must include a receipt or copy of a receipt as proof of purchase.



## Non-Residential Rebate Terms and Conditions

### 8. Non-Residential Turf Replacement Rebate

- a. Purpose of rebate: The Turf Replacement provides an incentive for the conversion of grass to desert landscaping, reducing the water demand of the landscape while still providing the benefits of living plants.
- b. Only non-residential (commercial, industrial or institutional) properties qualify for this rebate.
- c. Applicant must receive pre-approval from conservation staff prior to starting their conversion project. To receive pre-approval, complete the online rebate application form OR call (480) 350-8351.
- d. To receive pre-approval to proceed, the application must include before pictures showing each of the areas where grass will be removed and replaced with desert landscape.
- e. Once pre-approval is received, applicants will have three months to complete the conversion and submit pictures of the newly converted landscapes.
- f. Any photos submitted are the property of the city and may be shared in city promotional material.
- g. The converted landscape must meet non-residential landscape code requirements, including meeting minimum requirements for mature plant coverage and soil coverage. For details on the specific requirements that apply, please call 480-350-8341 and select Option 1 to reach Planning and Zoning.
- h. Water Conservation Staff will measure the landscape on the Maricopa County Assessor's Office website and use that measurement to determine the rebate amount.
- i. Approved applications receive \$.25 cents per square foot of grass removed up to \$3,000 or \$1 per lineal foot up to \$500.00 to remove strips of grass between the curb and the sidewalk.

### 9. Non-Residential Indoor Fixtures Rebates

- a. Purpose of rebate: This rebate provides Commercial and other non-residential properties with the opportunity to upgrade a variety of indoor fixtures to high-efficiency models.
- b. Only non-residential (commercial, industrial or institutional) properties qualify for this rebate.
- c. The total rebate amount is not to exceed \$5,000 per property, per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).
- d. Approved applications will receive:
  - i. Standard tank toilet with 1.1gpf max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$100 per toilet.
  - ii. Commercial flushometer-valve toilet with 1.28gpf max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$100 per toilet.
  - iii. Urinal with 0.25gpf max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$150 per urinal.
  - iv. Air-cooled ice machine: 50% of the purchase price of the ice maker, up to \$1,500 per unit. Ice storage bins do not qualify for the rebate. Applicant must replace an existing water-cooled ice machine. Field verification by City staff will be required prior to replacement. The ice machine must be installed indoors.



- v. Commercial high-efficiency clothes washer: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$500 per unit. The washer must have an integrated water factor of 4.2 or below. For a list of approved washers, please visit <https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-commercial-clothes-washers>
  - vi. Connectionless steamer: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$750 per unit. Applicant must replace an existing boiler-based steamer. Field verification by City staff will be required prior to replacement.
  - vii. Faucet aerator with 0.5gpm max: 100% of the purchase price, up to \$5 per device. A minimum of five faucet aerator devices must be replaced to qualify for the rebate. If installing in a public area, a vandal-proof aerator is highly recommended.
  - viii. Laminar flow non-aerator attachment with 1.5gpm max: 100% of the purchase price, up to \$5 per device. A minimum of five laminar flow non-aerator attachment devices must be replaced to qualify for the rebate.
  - ix. Pre-rinse spray valve with 1.15gpm max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$50 per device.
  - x. Showerhead with 1.8gpm max: 50% of the purchase price, up to \$25 per device. All fixtures must be WaterSense labeled. When replacing flush valves in either toilets or urinals, the china must also be changed.
- e. The City recommends that installation of devices be performed by a qualified plumber and that the sewer line(s) be cleaned at the time of installation if they have not been cleaned within the previous twelve months.
  - f. Application deadline is no later than three months after the toilet installation is completed.
  - g. Application must include a receipt or copy of a receipt as proof of purchase or rebate will not be accepted.

#### 10. School Turf Efficiency Rebate

- a. Purpose of rebate: This rebate provides educational institutions with the opportunity to upgrade irrigation components to highly efficient models and receive water conservation classroom presentations to receive a rebate.
- b. Only educational institutions qualify for this rebate.
- c. Select a School Representative to be the main contact at the school and signee for the rebate.
- d. The School Representative must receive pre-approval to proceed. Pre-approval process may include a meeting and an outdoor water audit performed at the school campus to develop and agree upon an irrigation efficiency upgrade strategy.
- e. School Representative identifies teacher(s) who will work with Tempe Water Conservation Staff to arrange the educational presentations or workshop for students. The school must schedule a minimum of two presentations to be conducted within a year of receiving the rebate.
- f. The school must purchase, install and provide receipts for approved irrigation components within 3 months of receiving pre-approval to proceed.





- g. Final approval will be dependent on an inspection of the installed components. If all agreed-upon components are verified, Conservation Staff will approve the rebate application.
- h. Approved applicants will receive 100% of the purchase price of irrigation efficiency supplies, not to exceed \$3,000 per school, per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

#### 11. Industrial Grant

- a. The Industrial grant has special requirements. Please contact Tempe Water Conservation at 480-350-8351 or [conservation@tempe.gov](mailto:conservation@tempe.gov) if interested.